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# NATIONWIDE DEMAND FOR MAHATMA'S RELEASE

## *No Material Change In Gandhiji's Condition, Says Govt. Communique*

*BOMBAY, May 4: The Bombay Government has issued the following communique:—*

*"There has been no material change in Mr. Gandhi's general condition."*

BOMBAY, Thursday. The Mayor of Bombay has sent the following telegram to Mahatma Gandhi:

"Bombay citizens feel greatly concerned about your health and sincerely pray God that He do restore you to normal health soon and grant you long life to guide humanity."

### *MAY HE LIVE LONG*

At the meeting of the Municipal Corporation to-day Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor, referred to the anxiety caused in the public mind by reports of the condition of the health of Mahatma Gandhi. He said:

**"Before we proceed with the business of the meeting, I may observe that it is with deep concern that we have received disquieting news about Gandhiji's health. We pray that Gandhiji may soon be restored to health and be granted a long life."**

**S. O. S. TO VICEROY**

The following telegram has been sent to-day by the President of the Stock Exchange to H. E. the Viceroy at Delhi:—

"Bombay Stock Exchange shares country-wide concern about Gandhiji's health. His life is an invaluable asset and abiding inspiration to Millions in this country Would strongly urge immediate unconditional release."

**BOMBAY SHROFFS DEEPLY CONCERNED**

The Secretary of the Bombay Shroff (Bankers) Association Ltd., has sent the following telegram to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of India, New Delhi:—

"Bombay Shroffs Association are deeply concerned over Mahatma Gandhi's health and respectfully appeal to the Government, in the interests of the future friendly relations between Britain and India, not to take a moment longer the huge risk and responsibility of keeping him under detention in his present state of health."

*A telegram urging the immediate release of Mahatma Ganchi in consideration of his critical health condition has been sent by the Association of Indian Industries, Bombay, to H. E. the Governor-General.*

**WOMEN DEMAND MAHATMA'S RELEASE**

The Secretary, Parel Mahila Sangh (Branch of A.I.W.C.), writes:—

"The serious deterioration in Mahatma Gandhi's health has caused anxiety all over the country. All organisations and individuals are one in demanding Gandhiji's release. To keep him in jail in condition of failing health is nothing short of playing with his life. The Parel Mahila Sangh requests all the A. I. W. C. branches and the other women's organisations in the city to hold joint meetings and demand Gandhiji's release with one voice."

### Maharashtra Chamber Urges Immediate Release

Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Bombay sent the following telegram to the Viceroy of India, on Thursday, urging release of Mahatma Gandhi: "Committee Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce view with great concern present state of Mahatma Gandhi's health, and the effect of continued detention on it. They urge upon Government the need of his immediate release."

### Indian Industries Urge Immediate Release

The Association of Indian Industries have sent the following telegram to the Governor-General in Council, regarding Mahatma Gandhi's health. "Committee of the Association of Indian Industries Bombay urge immediate release of Mahatma Gandhi in consideration of his critical health condition".

**RELEASE HIM WITHOUT DELAY**

KARACHI, May 4: Pandit L. K. Maitra, Secretary of the Nationalist Party in the Central Assembly, who is here in connection with the visit of the Central Health Survey Committee, said that Mahatma Gandhi should be released. His death at this time would be disastrous for the country and the right thing for the Government was to release Mahatma Gandhi without further delay—A. P.

### *Karachi Merchants' Appeal To Viceroy*

KARACHI, May 4: The President of the Karachi Indian Merchants' Association has telegraphed the following to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, New Delhi:—

"Mahatma Gandhi's health is reported to be unsatisfactory and is causing deep anxiety. The Karachi Indian Merchants' Association earnestly urge his immediate release in interests of all."

### B. C. Roy On Present Condition Of Gandhiji

KARACHI, May 4: A first hand picture of the present condition of Mahatma Gandhi was given by Dr. B. C. Roy when he received an address of welcome from the Karachi Municipal Corporation this evening.

On the Mayor requesting Dr. Roy to say something about the health of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Roy said: "All I can say is that the 'communique' which has been issued is based on facts as have been observed. He is very weak and no doubt the malarial attack has rendered him incapable of undertaking the mental and physical work that he is accustomed to, but he is, as jolly and alive as ever. Let us all pray that he will be with us for many years to come."—A. P.

### *KANU GANDHI TO STAY WITH MAHATMA*

#### *B. C. Roy Denies He Speculated When Gandhiji Would Pull Through*

POONA: Mr. Kanu Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, arrived here this morning accompanied by Shanti Kumar Morarji. It is understood that Mr. Kanu Gandhi has been given permission by the Government to stay at the Aga Khan Palace and he will be moving to that place this afternoon.

Dr. B. C. Roy, who is here in connection with the work of the Health Survey Committee, this morning issued a flat contradiction of a report connecting his name with speculation regarding whether Mahatma Gandhi would "pull through the present crisis", says a message from Karachi.

Dr Roy said: "I have seen a statement attributed to me. It is not correct because I never made that statement. All I can say is that my opinion about Mahatma Gandhi's health has been sent to the Government. It is for them to do the needful. I wish the press would not say things which might give rise to wrong impressions."—A.P.

**POONA PRAYS FOR MAHATMA**

POONA, May 4: A meeting to offer prayers for the speedy recovery of Mahatma Gandhi was held here this evening. Mr. Keshav Rao Jedhe, who was recently released from detention, presided.—A. P.

### *AHMEDABAD'S CONCERN*

#### *Markets Remain Closed*

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, May 4.

Grave concern is caused in Ahmedabad city regarding the health of Mahatma Gandhi. Ahmedabad principal markets have remained closed to-day. A joint wire is sent by Maskati Mahajan and Panchkuba to H. E. the Viceroy praying for immediate release of Gandhiji. A similar wire has been sent by the local Communist Party for the immediate release of Mahatmaji.

### Arundale Pleads For Unconditional Release

MADRAS, May 4: Dr. G. S. Arundale, President of the Theosophical Society, has issued the following statement: "Hitherto I have not been in favour of the release of Gandhiji; but in the circumstances now obtaining I feel that the Government of India have no other course but to release him unconditionally".—A. P.

**PRAYER FOR LONG LIFE OF MAHATMA**

BUXAR May 3: Prayers for the long life of Mahatma Gandhi and the Frontier Gandhi were offered today on the sixth day of the Rudra Mahayagna which is being held here.—A. P.

**CALCUTTA LEADERS' APPEAL**

CALCUTTA, May 4: Sir Nripendra Nath Sarkar, Sir B. P. Singh Roy, Sir Badri Das Goenka, Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarker and Mr. Ghanshyamdas Birla have sent a telegram to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, earnestly appealing to His Excellency to release Gandhiji immediately "in view of his continued illness which is causing serious anxiety all over the country."

**MARWADI CHAMBER'S APPEAL**

Mr. Ramdeo Poddar, President, Marwadi Chamber of Commerce, has sent the following telegram to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, New Delhi:

"Please convey to H. E. the Viceroy the sense of profound anxiety felt by the members of this Chamber over the reported deterioration in Mahatma Gandhi's health. On their behalf I wish with utmost respect to urge upon His Excellency the supreme desirability of releasing him before his condition becomes grave as delay may involve too great risk. This act of humanity and statesmanship will touch the heart of India."

## NAZI RETREAT IN ADRIATIC SECTOR

### Partisans Derail Three Enemy Trains In Croat Province

From Abdul Kalek Quereshi of A. P. I. in Italy:

Another German attack in the Adriatic sector of the Eighth Army's front was thrown back by Indian troops on Tuesday night.

The Germans laid artillery and mortar concentrations during the day and by night struck with platoon strength at one of our patrols, two miles west of the port of Ortona. Fighting ensued resulting in two Germans killed and several wounded. The Germans made a hasty retreat. Two more clashes occurred in the same area, one just west of the village of Tommaso. Clashes also took place around the town of Arielli.

ENEMY ATTACK REPULSED

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance H. Q. May 4.

To-day's Allied 'communique' states: "LAND—Indian troops of the Eighth Army repulsed a small enemy attack. Our patrols and artillery were active on all fronts.

AIR—Medium and heavy bombers attacked targets at Bucharest last night. Yesterday medium bombers of tactical air force bombed bridges at Spoleto, Orvieto, Ficulle, Taggia and Imperia and railyards at Ventimiglia. Light bombers attacked supply dumps north of the battle area.

THREE AIRCRAFT MISSING

From these operations three of our aircraft are missing and two enemy aircraft were destroyed. During the night of May 2 and during yesterday 48 enemy aircraft were reported over the battle area. The M.A.A.F. flew over 1,250. Three enemy aircraft in addition to those reported yesterday were destroyed during the heavy bomber attack on northern Italy on May 2.

## KEZHARIYUR BOMB CASE ECHO

### Rearrested Persons Discharged But Three Taken Into Custody Again

CALICUT, May 3.

V. A. Kesavan Nair and five others who were rearrested after their acquittal in the Kezhariyur bomb case were produced to-day before the Sub-Divisional Magistrate after the expiry of the remand period. The Magistrate ordered the discharge of all the six persons of whom three were immediately placed under arrest under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

**RELEASED BUT INTERNED**

LAHORE, May 4: Mr. Bikram Lal Sondhi who had been detained as a security prisoner since July last year has been released on medical grounds.

Immediately after his release he was served with an order interning him in Dalhousie.

Mr. Bikram Lal is the younger brother of Mr. P. L. Sondhi, Manager of the "Tribune".—A. P.

**JAILED UNDER PRISONS ACT**

BAREILLY, May 4: Mr. Zahind Ali Khan, Magistrate, First Class, has convicted and sentenced Kunwar Bhagwan Singh M.L.A. (U.P.) of Pilibhit who is at present detained in the central prison, Izatnagar, to six months' R. I. under Section 52 of the Prisons Act—A. P.

### Ahmedabad And Surat Municipalities Superceded

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The Government of Bombay has ordered the supersession of the Ahmedabad and Surat Municipalities for three years from May 3.

Each of these bodies recently resolved that the Municipality, inclusive of its President, should cease to function forthwith. The Government, therefore, has decided that they are not competent to perform the duties imposed on them.

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## *STOP PRESS*

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**SOVIET FLOATS THIRD STATE WAR LOAN**

LONDON, May 4: The Moscow radio says that the Soviet Government floated its third state war loan today. The Commissar for Finance declared "the money raised will go to equip the Red Army with more arms, ammunition and provisions and to help in reconstructing our industry, transport and agriculture and developing our national economy".—Reuter.

**ON SOVIET FRONT**

MOSCOW, May 4: To-night's Soviet Communique says: "During May 4 there were no important changes at the front".—Reuter.

**BR. SUBMARINE LOST**

LONDON, May 4: The Admiralty announces that the submarine H.M.S. Stonehenge is overdue and must be presumed lost.—Reuter.

**MATCH MONOPOLY IN CUTCH**

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, May 4.

Teju Kaya and Co. of village Laijja have been given monopoly for staring a match factory in Cutch H. H. the Maharao laid foundation stone to-day one mile west of Mandvi port.

## Air Attack On Axis Europe

### 49 Allied Planes "Missing" Several Enemy Aircraft "Destroyed"

LONDON, May 4.

The R. A. F. in great strength last night attacked as the principal target a military depot south-east of Rheims in France.

The Air Ministry 'communique' reporting that 49 aircraft are missing in last night's raids said that fierce fighter opposition was encountered and several enemy aircraft were destroyed.

An Allied bomber formation this morning sent the people of Muenster to their air raid shelters—according to the German radio—after a night in which many hundreds of R. A. F. heavies precision—bombed a military depot in north-east France.

**LUFTWAFFE'S REACTION**

The "Luftwaffe" reacted sharply to last night's attacks, particularly over Mailly. Scores of fighters took to the air and British crews said that fighter opposition was as fierce as any they had met with for some time. There was a great concentration of aircraft over the target and bombers and fighters were mixed up in dogfights while fighter flares, target indicators and bright moonlight lit up the scene. Large fires were started and there were some big explosions, while the attack was going on.—Reuter.

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**WORLD T. U. C. POSTPONED**

*LONDON, May 4: Because of official restrictions on travel to and from Britain the General Council of the Trade Union Congress decided at a special meeting in London to-day to postpone the World Trade Union Conference which was to open in London on June 5.—Reuter.*

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## Why Keep India Out Of Premiers' Conference?

### Britain Will Lose India By Treatment Meted Out To Her, Says Kirkwood

LONDON, May 4: Mr. Amery, replying to a question in the Commons to-day as to what political, economic or other questions affecting India would be considered at the conference of Dominion Premiers, said: The proceedings of the conference of Dominion Prime Ministers are confidential and I am not in a position to make any statement on the subject matter or discussion.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour): Can he say why India is apparently not represented at this conference." Could he not make representations, even late in the day, for India to be represented at the conference?

Mr. Amery: India is taking part in the discussions at the conference and any statement made about discussions are naturally made by agreement between those participating.

*Mr. Kirkwood (Labour): Is Mr. Amery not aware that the effect of this treatment meted out to India may mean we will lose India as a result of it?*

*No answer was given.—Reuter.*

## CONTROL PRICES FOR CONSUMERS' GOODS

### India Govt. To Set Up Procurement Organisation

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, May 4.

Consumers' Goods Distribution Order is in the offing and is expected to be issued shortly.

The principal object of the order is to ensure regular supplies of consumers' goods to the general public. A procurement organisation is being created under Mr. C. C. Desai, Controller-General of Civil Supplies, with headquarters at Bombay.

It is pointed out that although large quantities of consumers' goods have been coming into this country most of them disappear in to hoards for black market trading. Consumers' goods are either imported or manufactured in this country and the Order is expected apply to both—at least to the most important categories. Government's intention is to keep check on privately imported goods also by releasing them on condition that they be made available to consumers at controlled prices.

### LATEST COMMERCIAL

**COTTON (July)**

New York, May 4.

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| Previous closing | 20.55 |
| To-day's opening | 20.55 |
| Difference | Nil |
| To-day's closing | 20.58 |
| Difference | +.03 |

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

New York, May 4.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices.

General Motors 58 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining 25 7/8
United States Steel Common 52

**CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE**

CALCUTTA, May 4.

The market continued its upward trend all round and a fair turnover resulted. Government securities kept firm.

## AMERY REFUSES TO BUDGE

### *August Resolution Still On His Brain!*

LONDON, May 4: Mr. Amery declined in the Commons to-day to permit a meeting of detained and non-detained Congress representatives.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour) had asked if Mr. Amery's attention had been drawn to the announcement, copy of which had been sent to Mr. Amery, made by Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, former Premier of Assam and leader of Congress Parliamentary Party, regarding the Japanese menace, that similar statements had been made by other Congress members not in detention, including those recently released, and whether in view of these expressions of hostility to Japanese aggression, appeals for unity to meet the danger and frequently express condemnation of Japan by Congress leaders now detained, the meeting of detained and non-detained Congress representatives would be permitted.

Mr. Amery replied: "I have seen reports of the statements referred by Mr. Sorensen. I naturally welcome all such declarations of hostilities to Japanese ambitions, but I would remind Mr. Sorensen that expression of similar sentiments by prominent Congress leaders two years ago did not prevent the Congress Party from passing the resolution of August 1942. In these circumstances I am not prepared to ask the Government of India to adopt the suggestion made in the last part of the question."—Reuter.

## THAT 'S.-E.A.C.' CENSORSHIP

### Henderson Heckled In Commons

LONDON, May 4: Protests made by British journalists in India against the army censorship authorities was again discussed at question time in the Commons to-day when Mr. George Strauss (Labour) asked the War Minister if he was satisfied that the censors acted solely on grounds of military security.

Replying for Government, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Financial Secretary to the War Office, said: "The action against which five correspondents protested was taken on instructions from the South-East Asia Command because, so I understand, it was felt that the success of operations might be jeopardised by the publication of their reports at that moment. There may, of course, be room for differences of opinion as to what information will be of use to the enemy but the judgment of the Commander-in-Chief in such cases must be accepted."

Mr. Strauss: Is the Minister aware that these correspondents maintain that there was no security matter whatsoever in those cables which had been censored? Has the War Office looked into the matter? Has it considered what the dispatches were?

Mr. Henderson: As a matter of fact we have asked for further report. We are anxious to establish proper relations between the Press and the military censorship authorities but I would prefer to add nothing to my answer until we have had this further report.

Another Member: Can he say whether steps are being taken to strengthen censorship and public relations officers in that command?

Mr. Henderson: I think we had better wait until we have had this report and we will decide what further action if any is necessary.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour): In view of the very strong protest made, will he not at an early date give the House an opportunity of seeing what it was these correspondents were supposed not to send?

Mr. Henderson: I think I prefer to wait until I have seen this further report.

Mr. Granville (Independent): In view of the great efforts made by the Government to get war correspondents to go there and the promise of newspapers here to give a good show, will he see that they are not precluded from giving background and local colour regarding this important campaign?

Mr. Henderson: I think on the whole the relations between the Press and the military censorship authorities have been very good. I would like to wait until I get this report to see exactly what transpired in relation to this particular incident.

Mr. Strauss: Will he bear in mind that security censorship always has a tendency to develop into political censorship, unless it is carefully checked.

Mr. Gallacher (Communist): May I take it that it is not just the "Daily Worker" which the Minister does not trust—that he does not trust any of the papers?

There was no further reply.

## Jap U-Boat Destroyed In Indian Ocean

### Enemy Raids North Of Kohima Repelled: "No Important Change Round Imphal Plain"

KANDY (CEYLON), May 4.

Admiral Mountbatten's communique today reports that a Japanese U-boat was destroyed southwest of Socotra in the Indian Ocean by R. A. F. bombers on May 2.

**On the Arakan front, the high ground overlooking the Maungdaw-Buthidaung road, for the posession of which the Japanese fought with great determination, is now firmly in Allied hands.**

**Near Buthidaung the Japanese who penetrated one of the Allied positions were driven out by a counter-attack supported by tanks.**

### *JAP SUBMARINE DESTROYED*

R. A. F. medium bombers on general reconnaissance over the Indian Ocean in daylight on May 2 sighted a U-boat south-west of Socotra. The aircraft immediately attacked with depth charges and destroyed the submarine, says to-day's South-East Asia Command 'communique.'

R. A. F. medium bombers of the Strategic Air Force Eastern Air Command, on the night of May 2 attacked dumps at Kalewa and motor transport convoys on the Minthami-Tamu Road. The next day, U.S.A. A.F. and R.A.F. medium bombers again attacked both Kaing (north of Pakokku) and Kalewa producing numerous fires and explosions.

In daylight on 2nd and 3rd May R. A. F. and I. A. F. fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers of the Third Tactical Air Force over the Arakan, Mayu, Kaladan and North-West Burma areas attacked enemy positions, road and river transport, rolling stock and buildings.

Air Commando fighters and bombers of the Third Tactical Air Force in daylight on 3rd May attacked dumps at Mohnyin. In daylight on 2nd and 3rd May, long range R.A.F. fighters continued their intensive attacks in the Mandalay and Bhamo areas.

From all these operations no Allied aircraft is missing.

**ON ARAKAN FRONT**

On the Arakan Front, the high ground overlooking the Maungdaw-Buthidaung Road, for the possession of which the Japanese have fought with great determination, is now firmly in our hands. Near Buthidaung, Japanese who penetrated one of our positions were driven out by a counter-attack supported by tanks.

*North of Kohima there was patrol activity on 3rd May and enemy raids were repelled. Round the Imphal plain there has been no important change.*

In North Burma, Chinese forces successfully repulsed a Japanese counter-attack at Manpin, east of the Mogaung river, and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. At Warinkaung (South of Tiangzup) our levies drove off a surprise Japanese attack and inflicted casualties. In the same area, Japanese transport ran into our booby traps.—A. P.

### *SUPPLIES FROM SKIES TO BURMA FRONTS*

#### *Troop Carrier Command Lands Invasion Troops Behind Jap Lines*

CALCUTTA, May 4.

On January 1, 1944, Troops Carrier Command was born on the Burma front. The Command comprises equal numbers of R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F. squadrons—the R.A.F. units being nearly twice the size of those of the U.S.A.A.F.

In its operations over Burma, the Troop Carrier Command has established a new concept of warfare. To quote a member of Gen. Old's staff, "Troop Carrier Command's operations over Burma have proved conclusively that with air superiority there is no such thing as encirclement."

In January, Gen. Old's Troop Carrier Command began its career by dropping thousands of tons of supplies to Gen. William J. Slims fighting Fourteenth Army, the effort was stepped up in February, when the battle for the Ngakyedauk Pass reached its climax. The Seventh Indian Division was encircled, and supplies could not reach them by road.

The Seventh Indian Division and the Japs were locked together in a complicated series of manoeuvres which resembled a game of chess. Each time the Japanese expected to checkmate the Allies, the Troop Carrier Command converted a pawn into a queen, and made the Japs run for cover.

AIR INVASION.

But behind the scenes, in Lord Louis Mountbatten's and Gen. Stratemeyer's headquarters, an even greater job was being planned for the Troop Carrier Command—the airborne invasion of Burma. It was the Job of the Troop Carrier Command to fly in the majority of British ground troops to airfields constructed behind enemy lines, after Col. Philip Cochran's Air Commandos had flown in the airborne engineers, and built landing strips capable of accommodating the C-47's.

SUPPLIED BY AIRCRAFT AT PRESENT.

*Troops carrier units are also at present providing a continuous flow of supplies to the special forces in North Central Burma, and to the Imphal, Arakan and Kaladan sectors. Each of these is a separate front and each represents a continuous commitment for the Troops Carrier Command.*

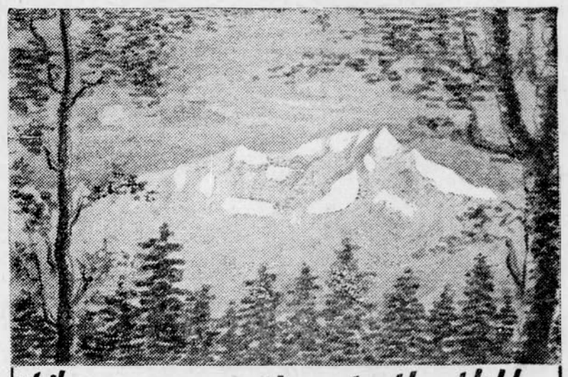
Supplies are dropped not to the rear of the troops, but directly at the front line. One aircraft came back recently with more than 1,000 bullet holes in its wings and fuselage—but actual aircraft losses have not been substantial.

When necessary additional planes and crews are borrowed from the Air Transport Command.

The stage is being set in South-east Asia for the greatest air drama of all time. When the curtain rises on Lord Louis Mountbatten's offering to the Japanese, Troop Carrier Command will take a leading heroic part.

### Jinnah For Kashmir

LAHORE, May 4: It is understood that Mr. M. A. Jinnah will leave for Kashmir on May 8.—A. P.



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## Grow More Food Campaign

### Provincial Food Council Opposes Principle Of Compulsion

The following is a memorandum prepared by the Bombay Provincial Food Council criticising the legislation proposed by the Government for regulating the cultivation of crops with a view to growing more food crops.

The main principle of the proposed legislation for "regulating the cultivation of crops with a view to growing more food crops" in the province is that of enforcing compulsion in any area where the administration considers it necessary to compel agriculturists to raise food crops in place of non-food crops. Before the principle of such compulsion is accepted, it is essential, first, for Government to convince the public that the method of propaganda and persuasion has failed. Since 1942, Government have spent large sums of money on the 'grow more food' campaign and they have claimed that it has met with considerable success. This campaign was part of an all-India drive to increase the production of food crops.

If other provinces have not yet found it necessary to resort to compulsion, it is not understood why Bombay alone should adopt this drastic remedy.

The 'grow more food' programme possesses principally a two-fold aspect—increasing the area under food crops and raising the yield from the available area under cultivation. The scope for securing additional area under food crops was, it was recognised from the outset, limited. What could have been reasonably achieved has, presumably, been achieved during the last two seasons. What was even more important was to bring about an increase in the outturn of food crops in the area put under such crops. The public have a right to be satisfied about the potentialities of this line of action having been fully explored and exhausted before they can be induced to support the drastic remedy of compulsion.

#### CROP ROTATION

There are various other factors also to be considered before the public can be convinced about the need for the introduction of compulsion. Crop rotation is an important feature of agricultural practice in India as in other countries. It is unwise to disturb this rotation of crops even for the sake of converting an area with a deficit of food crops into one which can feed itself.

The diversion of acreage from cotton to jowar or bajri is not so simple a proposition as appears to have been presumed. The cultivation or non-cultivation of cotton depends on seasonal factors also. The area under cotton in relation to that under millets very often fluctuates in the Deccan and Gujarat due to seasonal factors.

For instance, if there are favourable rains during the season when cotton is generally sown and if there are unfavourable rains during the season when millets are to be sown, there is bound to be an increase in the acreage under cotton. In such circumstances, it will be a great mistake to compel the cultivators to divert their lands from cotton to millets beyond certain limits.

#### QUESTION OF MONETARY INDUCEMENT

To standardize practice at the discretion of a distant official authority is to deny the advantages that usually accrue from the exercise of his judgment by a cultivator after gauging the local conditions at the appropriate juncture.

In the desire to stimulate the increase of food production, it is improper to ignore the importance that should be attached to the cultivation of crops like cotton, which is classed as a non-scheduled crop under the proposed legislation, or groundnut which is not classed either as a food or a non-food crop.

More important is the question of monetary inducements and price parties. The problem of bringing more land under food crops on the one side and of non-food crops on the other. In case it is desired that the cultivators should bring more land under food crops and thus reduce their acreage under money crops it is necessary that they should be enabled to do so by offering them an attractive price for food crops. If this is not done, the cultivator is bound to suffer financial loss.

Further, the prices of foodgrains are rigidly controlled in the interest of the consumer. The parity of prices between food crops and non-food crops has to be maintained before the cultivator can be compelled to switch over from the one to the other. Government have to convince the public that such a parity of prices has prevailed during the years of the war. In making this observation, no account is taken of the other essential agricultural requisites of the agricultural industry requisites the prices of which there was, till lately, even still less control in the interests of the agriculturists.

It may be argued that the payment of an attractive price to the cultivator for foodgrains will compel Government to sell grain to the consumers at a price which may not be within the purchasing power of the low income groups. The only way out of this difficulty is to give subsidies to the producers of food crops. The Food Council, therefore, suggest that these cultivators who will be compelled to extend their area under food crops beyond the average acreage under food crops for the last three years should be financially helped in the form of subsidies.

The necessity of financially assisting the cultivators in diverting their lands from cotton to food crops has been recognised by the Foodgrains Policy Committee. It is important to note that the policy of giving subsidies to the farmers for diverting their lands to food crops is adopted in Great Britain and in many other countries.

In the view of the Council, no case has been made out by Government for the introduction of this principle of compulsion in the matter of regulating the growing of food and non-food crops. Besides, drastic legislation of this type can be undertaken only by an administration, the actions of which are subject to the control of the legislature. In the absence of a legislature functioning in the province, this far-reaching legislation affecting vitally the life of the agriculturists cannot be supported.

In the event of legislation being enacted, notwithstanding these cogent objections against the introduction of compulsion, it is necessary to examine the details of the proposed measure. It should be provided, in the first place, for previous approval by a body like the Provincial Rural Development Board or the Provincial Food Advisory Board before taking action under the operative sections of the Act.

#### TWO PUNISHMENTS FOR ONE OFFENCE

It is prescribed in the proposed legislation that whenever remission is granted to the holder, rents payable by a cultivator to his superior holder shall be adjusted in accordance with section 84 of the Bombay Land Revenue Code. This provision alone is not sufficient to protect the interest of the cultivating tenant. If the cultivating tenant is to be compelled to divert a portion of his rented land to the growing of food crops, his rent will have to be substantially reduced.

According to the legislation, Government are under an obligation to buy all the cereal food crops grown at a price to be fixed. This offer to purchase at the fixed price is not, however, extended to pulses such as gram and tur which are specified as food crops in the Bill.

Nothing definite is provided as to when prices for the foodgrains are to be fixed by Government. It is quite likely that Government may fix the prices at normal harvest times. If prices are fixed at harvest times, the cultivator may not receive a fair price because prices are invariably low at harvest times.

The Council suggest that prices should be fixed before the commencement of the sowing season and should be made operative for the whole year in the same way as the statutory maximum price is recommended by the Gregory Committee.

Any cultivator contravening any order made under the operative sections of the proposed legislation is punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees in relation to every acre or less of land in respect of which the order is contravened. In addition, the Court may direct any crop not being a scheduled food crop in respect of which the Court is satisfied that the order has been contravened shall be forfeited. Thus the offender may be punished by way of fine as well as by forfeiture of his cash crop. There should not be two punishments for the same offence.

The power to frame rules under the Act is very wide. It is necessary that in the proposed legislation the power to frame rules should be defined, instead of being left wide and discretionery.

## C. R. Announces Scheme

### Let M.L.A's. And Imprisoned Leaders Re-Examine Cripps Offer

MADRAS, May 4.

A suggestion that the Legislatures in the eleven Provinces should be called upon to meet and consider the British offers and declarations contained in the Cripps proposals which His Majesty's Government declare are still open for acceptance by India has been made by Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar in the course of a contribution in the "Hindustan."

A convention of all the elected members of the Legislatures of the eleven Provinces, Rajaji says, should be convened and if at such a convention an overwhelming body of representatives of the people demand that the British Government's proposals or any modification thereof should be placed before the Legislatures, the demand cannot be ignored and British opinion cannot rest content with any evasion on the part of His Majesty's Government even if they attempt it.

Fortunately for all concerned, the British Government have solemnly and repeatedly reiterated that the offers and declarations contained in the Cripps' proposals were withdrawn, has been rectified. The British Government's intention is clear and they stand committed to these proposals. This can furnish a starting point once again in the situation created by the paramount importance of peace even as the urgency of war did in 1942.

While in 1942 His Majesty's Government thought that it was enough to ask the leaders of political parties whether they would accept the British proposals and on their rejection they withdrew the mission, now in 1944, H.M.'s Government cannot rest content with such an inadequate attempt. The Congress leaders are in prison. H.M.'s Government claim that they are not in a position to release them.

Nothing however stands in the way of H.M.'s Government asking the leaders in prison whether they could reconsider the proposals now that the war situation is different and the organisation of peace is imminent. Even this procedure however is but a preliminary.

If His Majesty's Government desire to take up negotiations and to implement the plans proposed they must ask the various provincial legislatures to consider them officially in open session and give their answer. It was a remarkable feature of the proceedings of 1943 that His Majesty's Government then thought that all that had to be done was to obtain the reaction of leaders and their political organisations and did not think of placing the proposals before the constituted statutory bodies representing the electorate. This, however, might be justified by the then war situation, but it cannot be an adequate constitutional procedure under existing conditions.

The Legislative bodies constituted under a broad franchise according to parliamentary statute have not been dissolved and are still in fact. Political party organisations are important but governments must deal with legislative bodies and not rest content with negotiations with political parties.

The way to peace and goodwill is obvious. Let the Legislatures in the eleven provinces be called upon to meet and consider the proposals which His Majesty's Government declare are still open for acceptance by India. While the constitutional position leads to this conclusion, there is no doubt that we in India should also do all that we can on our part to help a solution of the present impasse. The demand of all sections of the people of India for the release of Congress leaders has not been heeded. It is not enough to say that this is unjust and unreasonable, and leave it to the bar of world opinion. I feel that we have not done what can produce a change in the situation.

The convention that I propose can also tackle the Muslim problem and lay down once for all under what conditions the claim of the Muslim League for a separate State for Muslim areas may be accepted. A clear and bold declaration on this point together with a submission to international arbitration, should the Muslim League not agree, would take India across the slough of despond in which she is at present floundering. The convening of a convention of all elected members of the Legislatures of India will dissolve the present political stagnation and release new and healthy forces. That the Muslim League members may not care to attend such a convention need not deter us from the project. Indeed, we may assume that after the convention arrives at conclusions, it will appoint a committee with powers to deal with the further progress of the matter including negotiations with the Muslim League.

When troubles and diseases have become chronic, the repetition of old prescriptions must give way to some new procedure. The world has seen many a crisis dissolved by a convention. When the old organisations and normal procedure have either broken down or prevented by the major men have turned to a convention. I urge that the present is one such occasion.—United Press.

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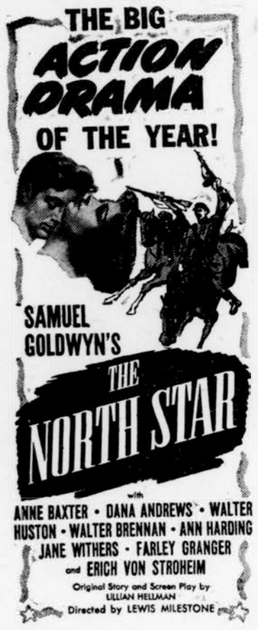
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INDIAN NATIONAL THEATRE—"Mushaira" in connection with the Iqbal Day Celebrations to-day (Friday) at the Convocation Hall, at 6 p. m. (S. T.) Shrimati Kamaladevi will preside.

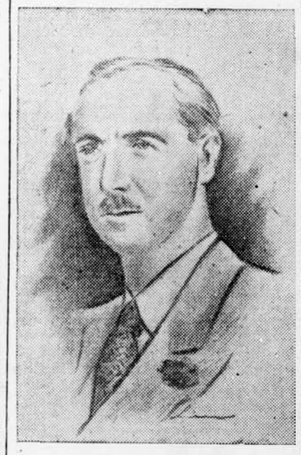
UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS—Study Class on "Kama—Desire", from The Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge, Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Flora Fountain, to-day (Friday), 6-15 p. m.

RENAISSANCE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA—Meeting of members and friends to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p. m. at National Insurance Bldg., Hornby Road. Subject: "Some Obstacles in the way of India's Progress. J. B. H. Wadia in the Chair.

NATIVE SHARE AND STOCK BROKERS' ASSOCIATION—Annual general meeting of the members of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association will be held at Sir Dinshaw Petit Native Brokers' Exchange Hall at 12-30 p. m to-morrow (Saturday).

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ—A meeting of the Literary section of the Samaj will be held at Farbouz Gujarathi Sabha Mandir, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Girgaum, at 8-30 p. m. to-morrow (Saturday).

236TH ANNIVERSARY OF BANAJI-LIMJI AGIARI—The 236th anniversary of the Banaji-Limji Agiari, the oldest Parsi fire-temple in Bombay, will be celebrated on May 10 (Wednesday) when the Jashan ceremony will be performed at 9 a. m. (B. T.) followed by another Jashan ceremony arranged by residents of the streets adjoining the Agiari. The customary Adergan Jashan will be performed at 7 p. m. (B. T.).



Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, who attended the comedy revue staged at the Town Hall on Monday at 9-15 p.m. The proceeds of this revue were handed over to the Bombay Tragedy Victims Fund.

## *EXHIBITION FOOTBALL*

### *Three Grand Matches On Card This Week-End*

Close in the heels of the Exhibition Match staged for the benefit of the sufferers from the recent explosions and fires in the city, the W. I. F. A. has arranged three more matches this week-end to aid the Amenities Fund for the Army, Navy and the Air Forces and the Bombay Football Development Fund. The three matches will be played as follows:—

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### *C. C. I. "Pagal Pani" Gala*

The Cricket Club of India have organised a Swimming Gala to be held on Saturday the 6th May 1944 at 9-30 p. m. at the Club Swimming Pool. It will consist of the following events:—

(1) 100 yards Open Free Style (men); (2) 400 yards Open Free Style (men); (3) 25 yards Backward Swimming (Swimming on Breast, feet first) (men); (4) 75 yards Obstacle Race (men); (5) 50 yards Free Style—Veterans' Race for men of 50 years and over; (6) 100 yards Breast Stroke (men); (7) Relay Race for the Services, 8 men each side (one length per man); (8) Relay Race for Women in the Services, 4 women each side, (one length per woman); (9) 100 yards Free Style (women); (10) 50 yards Breast Stroke (women); (11) 50 yards Breast Stroke (women); (12) Fancy Swimming (women) (13) Fancy Swimming (men); (14) Long Distance Diving from 3 meter Board (men) (Competitors to dive as far from the Spring Board as possible); (15) 4 Fast Swimmers to cover 100 yards equal to the world's record and one fastest to cover 100 yards (men); (16 All-in- Water Polo 7 minutes each way with 3 minutes rest, Rugby Ball).

### Sir S. Radhakrishnan For Chungking

CALCUTTA, May 4: On the invitation of the Chinese Government to visit Chinese Universities and other academic bodies in China, Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan will shortly leave for Chungking. During his visit of about a month, Sir Sarvapalli will be the guest of the Chungking Government, and will deliver lectures on problems of Indian thought and on the cultural relationship between India and China.—A. P.

The Government of India has decided that there will be no extension beyond 30th April of the arrangements whereby Government carried the Marine War Risk on cotton cloth and yarn in transit by sea between Indian Ports and on cotton in transit between Bombay and Calcutta and Southern Ports and Calcutta.

Usha and Shanta in "Save Bengal" ballet.

## "Voice Of Bengal"

### Prithviraj To Appear In People's Theatre Show Tonight

The People's Theatre show "The VOICE OF BENGAL" will be staged to-night at 9 p. m. at the Marathi Stage Centenary Pandal (Behind Charni Road Station).

The programme consists of a play in Hindustani, two ballets, and several songs. The proceeds are to go for Bengal Relief and Medical Aid and for the relief of the victims of the local fire and explosion tragedy.

Prithviraj, the popular film star, will be one of the star attractions at to-night's show as well as at the shows to be held to-morrow (Saturday) and on Monday.

### Mayor's Message

Mr. Nagindas Master, the Mayor of Bombay, has sent the following message to the Secretaries of the People's Theatre who have organised the "Voice of Bengal" show:—

"Any offer for help or assistance towards relief or help to persons who have suffered in this disaster is highly appreciated. Many have offered to pay the proceeds of their shows into the funds of my Committee. I highly appreciate the same and feel thankful for such offers. The cause is deserving of every possible sympathy and help that can be rendered. I express my thankfulness to those who have been good enough to offer to me that the proceeds of this particular show will be sent to my Committee."

### *'Jane Eyre' And 'The North Star' Held Over*

By T. V. P.

Two fine pictures are being extended to another week's run at Eros and New Empire. Those who have missed "Jane Eyre" last week must not miss it now. Orsen Welles and Joan Fontaine have done some very good work to reproduce the mid-victorian atmosphere of this novel. 'The North Star' at New Empire, Samuel Goldwyn's beautiful production must also be seen by film lovers.

"The Youngest Profession" at Metro is a picture of adolescent boys and girls who are glamourised by Movie stars. In this atmosphere is built up story of family misunderstandings which are later put right.

"Top Man" at Regal deals humorously and dramatically with present day American family affairs under the stress of war. Young Donald O'Conner plays the part of resourceful youngster who becomes head of his family after his father takes a commission in the Navy.

"East of the River" at Excelsior stars John Garfield as the tough guy who wants to live without working in this Warner Brothers' picture. Brenda Marshall is featured in this film.

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## ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, May 4: Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on April 30, 1944:—

Allahabad 106 79 0, BOMBAY 92 79 0, Calcutta 93 82 0, Cawnpore 105 73 0, Cuttack nil, Darjeeling nil, Delhi 104 73 0, Dehra Dun 96 64 0, Jacobabad 108 74 0, Karachi 85 77 0, Lahore 102 68 0, Lucknow 106 73 0, Madras 99 73 0, Nagpur 111 81 0, Patna 102 75 0, Shillong nil, Simla 72 57 0. —A. P.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*The struggle between liberty and authority is the most conspicuous feature in those portions of history with which we are earliest familiar.*

—J. S. Mill

The Bombay Chronicle

## BUSINESSMEN'S DEMANDS

The Bombay dock disaster was naturally the most prominent subject at the first quarterly general meeting of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay. Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, the President, suggested that in view of the circumstances in which the disaster occurred and its magnitude it was the duty of the State, whatever might be the technicalities of law, to take upon itself the responsibility for making good the losses resulting from the disaster. It may be that some other agencies will have to bear a part or whole of the compensation due to those who have suffered losses. But in any case much will have to be done by Government in restoring normal conditions. Among other things, Government should, as urged by the President, grant priorities and other facilities for bringing to Bombay the materials necessary for reconstruction and should also help in the resumption of trade in the affected areas. As we have suggested before, Government can at least issue a declaration that they will see that full compensation will be given by one agency or other to all who have suffered losses. Mr. Master, Vice-President of the Chamber, replying to questions, explained that immediately after the disaster the Committee of the Chamber had addressed a letter to the Port Trust pertaining to certain important matters on which the Committee had received information, but so far no reply had been received from the Port Trust. The Port Trust owes an explanation on this point both to the Chamber and the public.

At a distressing time like the present it was quite natural for Mr. Nanjee to make a feeling reference to Gandhiji, who is still held a prisoner in spite of his serious illness. He mildly expressed the feeling in the country as a whole when he said: "It is most regrettable that Government do not appear to realize the risk they are taking in continuing to keep him under detention. May I respectfully appeal to the Government not to be so utterly unmindful of public opinion and, in the interests of the future friendly relations between Britain and India, not to take a moment longer the huge risk and responsibility of keeping him under detention in his present state of health?" On Wednesday Gandhiji's condition gave rise to anxiety. Thursday evening's bulletin said there was no material improvement in the condition. Businessmen, like others should send telegrams to Government demanding the immediate release of Gandhiji.

## Scarcity In North Kanara

We have received several communications from North Kanara describing the acute scarcity prevailing in the district. From among these we publish on this page only one statement, issued by Mr. H. A. Pai, a well-known Congress worker of the district and an ex-President of the District Local Board. Even in normal times North Kanara is an extremely poor and ill-fed district, as a result of which its population has gone down during the last fifty years by about 25 per cent, and large parts of several malaria-ridden talukas have been almost entirely depopulated. Perhaps this is the only district in the country whose population has decreased with increasing years. In the conditions created by the war the chronic poverty and malnutrition of the district have taken an acute form and Mr. Pai estimates that the food deficit is as much as 20 to 25 thousand tons and that even the scanty available rice is so priced as to be beyond the means of many thousands. It will be well for the authorities concerned to take suitable remedial measures before the ill-nourished people succumb to starvation or diseases brought on or aggravated by malnutrition. Mr. Pai makes a modest and quite feasible suggestion that in case the whole of the deficit cannot be made good by imports of rice, Government can at least import Ragi from neighbouring districts. We trust that the suggestion will be readily adopted and that surplus Ragi, wherever available, will be secured for North Kanara before the rains set in and the situation gets much worse than it is already. The control price of rice should also be appreciably reduced. Else the supply of unpurchasable rice will in effect be only a make-believe, a painful joke, though not intended as such. The people in their turn should do everything possible to help the "grow more food" campaign. Every taluka, if not every town and village, should have its food supply committee which should see that every available piece of land is utilised to grow more food.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

### Spanish Agreement

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has congratulated the United Nations on the agreement jointly arrived at by his Government and the Government of the United States of America with the Government of Spain. Mr. Eden regards the agreement as "a definite and concrete evidence of the intention of the Spanish Government to maintain neutrality". Under this agreement, the Spanish Government has undertaken to expel designated Axis agents from Tangier, the Spanish Zone in North Africa, and from the Spanish mainland, to the closing of the German consulate and other Axis agencies in Tangier and to the release of certain Italian commercial ships now interned in Spanish waters and to the submission to arbitration of the question of releasing Italian warships likewise interned in Spanish waters. It has also agreed for the remainder of the year to impose a drastic curtailment of wolfram exports to Germany. In return for these undertakings, the British and American Governments have agreed to lift the ban on supplies of petroleum and petroleum products to Spain which had been imposed on them since 1st February 1944. It would appear that the American Government wanted to enforce a total ban on exports of wolfram from Spain to Germany, but the British Government secured a modification of this demand in favour of Spain since Britain was receiving certain supplies from Spain which she could not do without. It is not clear whether the curtailment of Spanish exports of wolfram to Germany will be confined to this year only. In any case, it seems doubtful whether the Nazi war machine will be very much inconvenienced by the curtailment of supplies during the present year, as one hardly knows what quantities of this material the Nazis may not have in store already. Further, it is rather surprising that more than four years should have been allowed to pass before the Allies thought seriously of compelling Spain to stop her supplies of a valuable war material to Germany.

### Lull Before The Storm?

Except for the Allied "air invasion" of German-occupied Europe, which is proceeding without respite, there is practically a lull on every front in the European theatre of war, which must be puzzling to most observers. The stalemate on the Italian front, which has now lasted for nearly two months, shows no signs of breaking up. The Allied troops, who were all along on the offensive, would appear to have given up, temporarily at least, the idea of pushing forward towards their main objective, Rome. While the German ranks have been strengthened by reinforcements from the north, there do not seem to have been any reinforcements on the Allied side. The latter have contented themselves with resisting all the enemy attempts to dislodge them from the beachheads which they had occupied in the initial stage of the operations on the Italian mainland. In the Russian theatre of war, too, for reasons which have not been yet disclosed, but most probably to secure time to effect a regrouping of armies so as to strike the next blows where the Germans least expect them, the Red Army has held up its hand on practically every front for the past few weeks. It is not known whether the present Russian moves are being made so as to synchronise with the opening of the long expected seaborne invasion of Western Europe by Russia's Allies. Anyway, to outside observers, the inactivity on the various European fronts is both mystifying and tantalising.

### A Falsehood

When Lord Linlithgow chose Dr. N. B. Khare to assist him he had his plan and expectations and Dr. Khare has not belied them. But in blackguarding the Congress he must maintain at least a semblance of dignity and some regard for truth. He failed to do that in his speech at Miraj. His charge that Congress is anti-Maharashtra is an utter falsehood. Maharashtrians themselves will repudiate the charge, unless they prefer to treat it with contempt.

## Reduce Cotton Production

Although the Government has started the purchase of cotton, the rates of this important product of the proverbially poor farmer of India continue to decline. Even the Government is reported to have offered 20 to 25 points off for the standard Jarila cotton and the crisis in the cotton market with much of panic and fear continues. It is so surprising to note this crisis in cotton at a time when the cotton textiles are 'scarcely' available even at the ceiling prices fixed for them by the Government. In the cotton market it is rumoured that the Government wishes to prevent the cultivators from sowing cotton-seeds by intentionally keeping the prices at low level. It is supposed to be the current thought of those interested in keeping the prices at the low level, to get the poor farmer self-imposed punishment and thus teaching him a lesson for sowing more cotton. This ideology, when the hoax of 'Grow more food' has failed is not likely to succeed because the farmer cannot obviously be persuaded to grow less cotton and more food unless he is 'forced'. The reasons for this are three. Firstly, cotton is produced with comparatively less labour and trouble. Secondly it is readily cashable soon after it is picked up in the form of Kapas. Thirdly and perhaps apparently the most important is the singular freedom which the cotton-grower enjoys from the crop-control according to which all food crop is requisitioned by the Government as soon as it is collected. Last year also the Government was under the same impression that the cotton-grower will come to his senses by the low rates and reduce his production. How misconceived was the Government's view can best be seen by the increase of a million bales of cotton-crop during the present season and the product of nearly two million bales of unwanted cotton, which has become a drug on the market. Could not this waste be avoided and the unremunerative acreage of the cotton-crop area be utilised for the useful purpose of growing food? The shadows of the Bengal calamity have begun to rise up again and very recently Dr. B. C. Roy has declared that the possibility of another serious famine in Bengal is not out of question. Again, much of food stuff is destroyed by many a reason and scarcity of food is felt almost in every part of the country. Under these circumstances, is it not the duty of the Government to 'force' the cotton-cultivator to render more useful service to the country and to himself by reducing the production of cotton and increasing the production of food? Why shouldn't the D.I.R. be used for a humanitarian object? The growing season is at hand and unless the Government issues an order to reduce the cotton-area by at least 50 p.c., the grower for the reasons described above is sure to produce another record increase in cotton.

N. H. B.

## *RED AIR FORCE DEMONSTRATES ITS MASTERY OF SEAS*

MOSCOW, May 4.

Reuters Special Correspondent cables:

The Soviet Air Force has now worked up to a new climax in the series of pre-offensive softening up blows against the Germans all along the Southern Russian battlefront.

Great fleets of Soviet bombers have attacked German troops concentrations, Rail junctions and aerodromes on an increasing number of key sectors from the Black Sea to Lvov and from Stanislavov to the Rumanian front.

In this great air offensive the Red Air Force is demonstrating its mastery of the seas and is taking a heavy toll of the Luftwaffe which is still in considerable force along the Russian front.—Reuter.

### SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN VIRAMGAM MILLS

AHMEDABAD, May 4: Workers of the Viramgam Mills have resorted to sit-down strike following the rejection of their demand for bonus by the management.

# BOMBAY THREATENED WITH TRADE CRISIS

## Viceroy Requested To Announce Full Compensation: Appeal For Inclusion Of Non-Officials In Inquiry Commission

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber have addressed the following telegram to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy to-day:

"While noting with satisfaction the appointment of Commission to enquire and report on causes of fire and explosions in Bombay Docks and enquire into adequacy of action taken before, during and after disaster, Committee Indian Merchants' Chamber strongly feel that in view of the unprecedented nature of disaster which has affected public of all classes, it is imperative that non-official Indians commanding the confidence of the public should also be appointed as members of Commission. Committee would, therefore, most earnestly urge upon Government to announce names of such Indians forthwith for satisfying all those concerned in the disaster.

QUESTION OF COMPENSATION.

Committee very much regret that although it is now nearly three weeks since the disaster took place and in spite of pressing and continuous requests, Government of India have not yet announced that they would pay full compensation for all losses to life, property and goods whether inside or outside docks, and they, therefore, once again strongly urge upon Government to make such announcement forthwith to stop public anxiety giving place to alarm and serious financial crisis developing in the City."

### COMPENSATE SUFFERERS

The Committee of the Grain Merchants' Association, Bombay, has addressed the following telegram to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy, New Delhi:—

"Committee Grain Merchants' Association, Bombay, most humbly beg to refer His Excellency to their letter of 25th ultimo delivered personally in Bombay. While sincerely appreciating His Excellency's personal interest in the matter and appointment of Commission of Inquiry, Committee desire to emphasise again huge loss and devastation due to unforeseen and unprecedented calamity to our members and public. Committee believe that entire suspension of business, dire ruin and shattering of the most busy part of the city, have reacted very seriously on the merchants and public in general and will also hamper war effort. Committee believe His Excellency's Government should immediately decide and take prompt steps to compensate the sufferers for their colossal loss".

### TRADE CRISIS FACES CITY

The Sub-Committee of the Bombay Tea Merchants' Association have today sent the following telegram to the Secretary, Governor-General-in-Council, New Delhi, regarding the calamity of 14th April.

"Committee, Bombay Tea Merchants' Association, Vadgadi, have learnt with great disappointment the decision of Insurance Companies rejecting claims arising out of calamity of fourteenth April and urge His Excellency to take such prompt and effective action as to allay panic and restore confidence among mercantile community. Otherwise Committee fear possibility of crisis in trade and commerce."

### SURVEY DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES

The following telegram has been sent to H. E. The Governor-General-in-Council, New Delhi, by the Lokhand Jatha Claims Committee:

"Our members suffered great loss by recent catastrophe and fire in Bombay in April last. Government of India liable for damage. To ascertain damages please arrange immediately for survey of damage to properties."

### RESTORE CONFIDENCE

The Committee of the Myrabollams Merchants' Association have to-day sent the following telegram to the Secretary Governor-General of India-Council, New Delhi, regarding the calamity of April 14:—

"Committee Myrabollams Merchants' Association, Azad Bhuvan, Musjid Bunder Road have learnt with great disappointment the decision of Insurance Companies rejecting claims arising out of calamity of fourteenth April and urge His Excellency to take such prompt and effective actions as to allay panic and restore confidence among commercial community. Otherwise committee fear possibility of crisis in trade and commerce."

### DEMOLITION WORK

Pulling down of buildings unfit for habitation in the area affected by the explosion of April 14 will receive a fillip in view of a decision of the authorities to permit owners of houses to undertake the demolition work themselves.

Landlords are expected to apply to the Police Enquiry Office near Masjid Bunder Station for particulars in this connection. Where the necessary permission is granted, the demolition work will have to be done in the presence of licensed surveyors.

The military has made considerable progress since Wednesday in the pulling down of buildings in Narsi Natha Street and its vicinity.

Landlords, tenants and insurance companies interested in property in the area bounded by Frere Road, Carnac Bridge, G.I.P. Railway Lines and Elphinstone Bridge road except the buildings which are still unsafe for entry have been given 7 days' notice with effect from to-day to clear their goods from debris after that period the debris will be cleared by official agencies.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE PLANS.

Plans for rendering the relief work in Bombay more effective have been worked out by the Women's Relief Committee. A deputation of the Committee met the Municipal Commissioner and discussed these plans after giving him a detailed account of what they had observed at the different relief centres. The deputationists favoured the idea of coordinating all relief work by transferring destitutes from private relief centres to the six Municipal centres. The deputationists included Lady Rama Rao, Mrs. Dongerkery and Mrs. Sayani.

Thirty volunteers of the Women's Relief Committee are now rendering assistance to the Municipal centres. The volunteers not only look after the kitchen arrangements and sanitary side of the centres, but concentrate on ensuring the health of the children of destitutes.

Lady Colville has addressed a letter to the Women's Relief Committee appreciating their work and expressing that she would be happy to be of help to the Committee.

*The Committee while thanking Lady Colville have said that the children of destitutes need a hundred toys.*

SHERIFF'S STATEMENT.

In the course of a statement reviewing the position of the areas affected by the explosion and fire of April 14, Sir Shantidas Askuran, Sheriff of Bombay says:—"Within a week the streets now under cordon will be taken charge of by the Municipality who will remove the debris so that the area may be fit enough for reconstruction.

"The police and military cordons, have been removed from the affected areas. People living in those parts have returned to their houses and have resumed their normal business. The only area which is still under cordon is the one which is either totally or very seriously destroyed. Landlords and tenants of that area have been given, with the help of the police and the members of my Committee, all facilities to remove their goods which were saved from the fire. The owners of property were also given opportunities of taking away their goods and valuables lying beneath the debris.

"The owners of properties that have been destroyed have been meeting me day after day and are extremely anxious to rebuild them as early as they can. They have requested me again and again to approach His Excellency the Governor and his Government and to urge upon them the urgent necessity of persuading the Supply Department of the Governmnet of India to grant the highest priority for the release of such materials as may be required for reconstruction of their properties. I fully sympathise with this urgent need and I hereby assure them that I have already urged upon Government and will urge upon them once more to take all immediate and necessary steps not only for giving priority for the release of the materials required by the owners for rebuilding their properties but also for the purpose of housing the destitutes. I may add that I know that Government are most anxious to help the owners in this matter and are seriously considering the question of housing those who are rendered homeless."

# Reward, Gratuity And Pensions For Fire Brigade Men

## *City Corporation Accepts Commissioner's Proposal: Protest Against Extension Of Life Of House*

A proposal to pay an amount equal to one month's salary subject to a minimum of Rs. 50, to each of the officers and men of the City Fire Brigade who were actually available and on duty on April 14, as a mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by them on that day, was adopted by the Bombay Municipal Corporation at its meeting on Thursday. The Corporation also sanctioned a special scheme of gratuity, compassionate allowance and pensions to the members of the family of the men who lost their lives in fighting the flames.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor presided.

Khan Saheb Mahomed E. Sarang was elected uncontested as a member of the Improvements Committee. Mrs. Khadija Shufti Tyabji, was elected uncontested as a member of the Municipal Schools Committee.

The Corporation agreed to certain proposals made by the Municipal Commissioner for various payments to be made to members of the City Fire Brigade and to the dependents of such of them as had lost their lives in the explosions and fire of April 14.

**REWARD FOR FIRE BRIGADE MEN**

The Municipal Commissioner proposed the payment of a special pay equal to one month's salary subject to a minimum of Rs. 50 to each of the officers and men of the Fire Brigade who were available and on duty on that day. For this purpose he asked for a grant of Rs. 20,000.

He further proposed, on the lines of the action taken by Government in respect of their employees, the payment to the dependents (wife, children and other persons of those who had lost their lives, first, a gratuity equal to three months pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 100; secondly pension at double the rates provided under the existing rules in the case of widows subject to a minimum of Rs. 25 and at the rates of Rs. 50 for each child of Station Officer, Rs. 20 for each child of Engineer, mechanic and Sub-Officer and Rs. 15 for each child of fitter, Motor Driver and all others subject to each child being allowed to draw pension upto the age of 21 instead of 16 as at present; thirdly he proposed that where the deceased had left no widow or children but left behind persons dependent upon him, surviving him, the payment of a lump sum compassionate allowance not exceeding Rs. 1,000.

The approximate total cost of the proposal is, non-recurring, Rs. 3,332, and recurring Rs. 18,360 per annum. He submitted a list of 27 persons of whom only eight are listed as dead and the rest including Mr. H. Palmer, Assistant Officer Commanding, are listed as missing.

The proposals were adopted in toto.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

The Corporation also recorded a letter from the Government of Bombay forwarding a copy of a Press Note regarding the extension of the life of the Corporation and requested the Mayor to "convey to the Government the Corporation's strong protest against the extension of the term of the Corporation by a further period of two years although the Corporation had submitted in due time a draft Bill for amending the Municipal Act, for the delimitation of constituencies and redistribution of elective seats on the basis of adult franchise and also to intimate to them that the reasons given by Government in their 'communique' are not convincing."

The resolution was moved by Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji, seconded by Mr. Motichand Kapadia and was supported by Mr. S. S. Mirajkar. Mr. Kapadia pointed out that elections were being held everywhere in the world despite the war and that the Municipal Commissioner had stated that there was no administrative difficulty in holding the elections. Mr. Mirajkar scouted the idea that an election would cause dislocation of the life of the city. He stated that there should have been three elections by now and that the right of the electorate had been taken away.

Mr. Muncherji E. Joshi moved an amendment deleting the portions relating to the protest to be made to Government. The amendment was negatived and the resolution passed.

Moved by Mr. Muncherji Joshi and seconded by Dr. J. J. Cursetji the Corporation passed a resolution, all standing, condoling the death of Lt. Co. J. R. Sadler, who was for a short time a member of the Corporation and who had died under tragic circumstances.

With The 14th Army

## Evening Falls

*By*

D. F. KARAKA

"Chronicle's" War Correspondent

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As evening fell that day and the sun began to set, I brought out my typewriter and settled down on the little strip of raised ground outside my *basha* which was our verandah, to write my first message. The men who had been working in the offices around us, paused for a while to play a primitive game of badminton—primitive because of the unmarked court on which they played and the net which was held up by two bamboo poles and a shuttlecock which had shed a feather and a racquet which was not exactly what one would use in the Championship of India. In the middle of the game someone would have to run back into the office which remained open till a late hour of the night to answer the telephone—may be a call from Calcutta, maybe from Arakan, from anywhere it came. And they seemed to come from all over the place all the time.

By now the badminton game had ended and the sun had set over the little town. The men went to their *bashas* to get "bath"—the muddy water in which we bathed necessitates the inverted commas. Around seven-thirty we collected in the sitting-room-of-sorts for a drink before dinner. Drinks were rationed and one could order only one drink by right, as it were, and more only if there was any to spare. There was either Seagram's Canadian whisky or Indian rum and there was little to choose between the two. The name of Scotch one didn't even mention even as one never spoke about beautiful women in these parts. Though why there was no Scotch no one could tell me. Not one single drop of it! This was a scandal when you bear in mind that the impression given to the civilian population of the big cities is that Scotch is reserved for the Army.

The clubs and gymkhanas of India seem well-stocked with Scotch. In the big cities you can go to these in the evenings and get an ample ration. The hotels of India produced it for their customers. But the poor blokes who fought in the front line in the slush and dirt of Burma and Arakan had to be content with Canadian whisky and Indian rum, which they drank without grumbling.

Around the mess table we sat for dinner, Col. A. at the head and around him without any formality or order of precedence the rest of the camp: War Correspondents, Army Observers, Public Relations Officers, Censors. We talk in India of austerity meals when we scan the menus of Firpo and the Taj. We grumble when the waiter tells us that to-day is not a poultry day. But, on the other side of the Brahamaputra, no day is a poultry day and austerity has a different meaning. Lunch or dinner it is the same bully beef though the garnishing and rehashing may make it look a little different. To eat chicken was as rare as eating grouse out of season or any of the rarer feathered birds. Only occasionally when the mess sergeant scrounged round the village bazaar did he succeed in getting anything like a fowl and that at the exorbitant price of five rupees. And he was lucky if he found a couple all at once. There was always enough to eat, however, and one ate within reason and without wasting. It was just that the monotony grew as meal after meal bully beef was laid before you to eat and you ate it till the very smell of it began to ooze out of your sweat. But no one grumbled.

This was the most important thing I learnt out there—this lesson in character. The more you could take without grumbling, the better you felt, inspite of all the hardships you may encounter. But once you let it get you, you would lose your grip on yourself and sooner or later it would break you. The war was not going to adapt itself to your requirements. You had to yield to it all the way.

After dinner the typewriters clicked again. Some sat and read. Others went back to their offices to finish their work.

Night fell and we turned in by the flickering kerosene light in the *basha*. We slept on *charpois* under a mosquito net; even so whole squadrons of mosquitos managed to find their way into the bed and divebombed on to us as we fell asleep. The ropes of the *charpoi* seemed to cut through the skin and the body ached and felt more tired in the morning. Ah! Well, remember Stalingrad, I said to myself, but even the remembering didn't help very much that night.

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## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

The principles of the International Monetary Fund were understood to have been discussed at a special meeting of the General Policy Committee of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee, held in the Board Room of the Reserve Bank of India, on Thursday.

Among those who attended the meeting were the Hon. Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, Government of India, Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Supply Member, Government of India, Mr. C. E. Jones, Secretary Finance Department, Government of India, Lt. Gen. T. J. Hutton, Secretary to the Reconstruction Council, Mr. J. Vesugar, Industrial Planning Adviser, Sir Theodore Gregory, Economic Adviser to the Government of India, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Mirza Ismail, Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, Mr. G. L. Mehta, Mr. C. S. Rangaswamy, Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, Mr. A. D. Shroff and the Hon. Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy.

HAWAIIAN 'BLACKOUT' ENDS.

HONOLULU, May 4: The Blackout which has been in effect since the beginning of the war ends tonight in all Hawaiian islands by order of Lt.-Gen. Robert Richardson, military Governor.

## TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

**Sir Firoz Khan Noon, speaking, at the opening of the conference on Monday, said:—"It is a matter of special pleasure to His Highness the Maharaja of Kashmir and to myself to represent India at this meeting of British Commonwealth nations. India's position is unique in the sense that she does not belong to the same race as the United Kingdom and the Dominions. But she is united to the Empire by bonds even stronger than blood and relationship, by the love of freedom and of democratic institutions that Great Britain has developed in India over the last 100 years.**

—Report of Empire Conference.

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Mr. Jinnah these days refers repeatedly to "the so-called Sikander-Jinnah Pact."

So-called Sikander or So-called Jinnah?

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"Lord Wavell", says Bori Bunder, "has lost no time in announcing the personnel of the Commission to enquire into the causes of the fire and explosions in Bombay docks...."

Only a few weeks!

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**German Fears of Allied Attack**

—Headline.

If our hopes can be dupes, their fears can be liars!

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The Nawab of Bhopal has returned from the Middle East where he found that "Bhopal troops are in fine fettle, full of heart and cheer and are longing to go into action".

The Nawab Sahib too is reported to be in fine fettle, full of heart and cheer—but....

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**TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.**

**(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)**

(1) *Sir Samuel Hoare is greatly annoyed by the Russian allegations against his dear friend, Franco.*

(2) *At this rate, he fears, people may even start making allegations against his other friend—Laval—also.*

(3) *The first action taken by the Muslim League Council of Action has been against the Punjab Premier.*

(4) *The disciplinary action might include expulsion from Pakistan territory and social boycott by all good Pakistanis.*

(5) *Newfoundlanders have sent a commission to England to demand the freedom which Mr. Jinnah has already conferred upon them.*

(6) *Professor A. V. Hill is a scientist and never monkeys with politics —except Indian politics!*

(7) *Along with that other Professor, Coupland, he will now open a Second Front—against India!*

(8) *The most intrepid War Correspondent is Sam Jackett, who covers the Burma war from the SEAC headquarters—at Kandy in Ceylon!*

# Scarcity In North Kanara

By HARI ANANT PAI

North Kanara is one of the poorest districts in the Bombay Province. In normal times, the district had, in order to make good its deficiency in food supplies, to annually import Rangoon and Mysore rice to the extent of 20 thousand tons, not to speak of Ragi and other food grains which it used to import from Dharwar Mysore and Bombay. Now the supplies from these sources have completely stopped due to the present war conditions. To make the situation still worse, a good portion of rice is now being smuggled into Goa by sea and land route. Thus the actual shortage of rice in the district at present, exceeds the normal figure of 20 to 25 thousand tons.

But it seems the government has not taken due note of this state of affairs in spite of the fact that the rainy season is fast approaching when the transport difficulties in the district become almost insuperable. If immediate steps are not taken to import the required quantity of food grains before the monsoon sets in, a serious food crisis is sure to develop.

In case the whole of the deficiency cannot be made good by the supply of rice due to shortage of rice in the province, Government can import Ragi from the neighbouring districts of Dharwar and Bijapur to meet the deficiency, Ragi being the only suitable substitute for rice for the poor people in the district, as it is their usual diet in times of scarcity of rice.

Another important difficulty that faces the poor classes in the district is that even when the required supply of food grains is ensured, the poor classes will have still starvation looming large before them as the controlled price of rice in the district is too high and beyond their means, being actually 50 per cent higher than even the Bombay rates, the rates in Kanara being Rs. 1-4-0 per pylee of boiled rice. We fail to understand why the price of this essential food stuff of Kanara people should be fixed higher in Kanara than in the Bombay city. The prices should be brought within the means of the poor classes in the district if thousands of people are not to be left to starvation and death.

In view of the above facts, if the serious food crisis that threatens the district is to be averted, Government ought to take immediate steps to import the required quantity of food stuffs and arrange due distribution of the same at reasonable rates.

## Indo-American Trade And Dollar Exchange

NEW YORK, May 4.

The "New York Times" to-day said that a bank official recently returned from India told a meeting of the Foreign Credit Inter-exchange Bureau yesterday that India has concluded an arrangement with the British Government whereby all dollar exchange acquired by India through exports will be earmarked for future use by India rather than converted into sterling.

*Some reporters thought that this meant that India, after the war, would use these dollars in the purchase of American goods, but it was also stated that if the present import controls are maintained the earmarking of dollars would not help American trade—Reuter.*

# IQBAL DAY CELEBRATION

## Indian National Theatre Presents "Mushaira" Today

The Secretaries of the Indian National Theatre write:—

The Theatre, with its combination of the Dance, the Poetry and the Pictorial is a powerful instrument in moulding the thought, aspirations and activities of a nation. In the past some attempts have been made to utilise this medium in the service of life. But these attempts soon reduced the Theatre into the propaganda-platform of a particular sectarian outlook of life and the vital stream of art stagnated under the wooden structure sought to be imposed upon its pulsating flow and rhythm.

A time has, therefore, come to form an organisation by utilising the vast potentialities of the Theatre in the service of life as a whole and inspire every class and strata of society into purposeful activities.

The aims and objects of the Theatre are: (1) to express the national regeneration through drama, community-singing and folk-songs, Kathas, Mushairas, puppet-shows and other similar movements and activities; (2) to sponsor the production of films, records and broadcasting; (3) to create a library consisting of literary and other works of art and (4) to undertake any other activity in the furtherance of the National Theatre movement in the country.

In celebration of Iqbal Day the Indian National Theatre organisation has arranged a "Mushaira" tomorrow (Friday) at the Bombay University Hall at 6 p.m. (S.T.) and Mrs. Kamaladevi, President of the All-India Women's Conference will preside on the occasion.

# *PAKISTAN MUST NOT OBSTRUCT NATIONAL FREEDOM*

## *U. P. Shia Conference Demands Establishment Of National Govt.*

LUCKNOW, May 4.

The Central Standing Committee of the All-India Shia Political Conference at its meeting under the presidentship of Sayed Ali Zaheer, M.L.A., adopted a resolution stating that "while recognising the right of self-determination for all inhabitants of a particular homogenous area in the country it feels that the demand for Pakistan by the Muslim League should not stand in the way of political independence of the country."

The Committee authorised its President to negotiate with Mr. Jinnah on the question of status of the Shias in the scheme of Pakistan as formulated by the Muslim League and place the result before the next meeting of the Committee.

By another resolution the Committee viewed with concern the general condition of depression and frustration in the country and urged immediate solution of the deadlock. The Committee believes that in order to consolidate the public opinion and fully strengthen the home-front against the invaders it is essential that the political deadlock should be resolved and public opinion mobilized through the public leaders for fighting the Japanese and for achieving the above mentioned objective.

The committee opines that it is essential that Government should take the initiative in this direction and create a harmonious atmosphere by releasing the leaders of the chief political party in the country in order that they may settle the communal differences and organise the country as a whole for making supreme efforts to drive away the invaders.

The committee demands the establishment of a National Government at the Centre responsible to the people.

The "United Press" learns that the President of the Conference will correspond with Mr Jinnah as authorised by his conference, but if necessary he might also see him later.

Mr. Jinnah, it may be recalled, writing to a League leader expressed the opinion that if the Shias wanted to know their status in the Pakistan, posed approach of the Shias to the posed approach ed the Shias to the League President is, it is stated, in connection with this statement of Mr. Jinnah.—United Press.

# *NEUTRALS MUST NOT ASSIST AXIS*

## *Their Independence Depends On Allied Victory*

LONDON, May 3.

Earl Selborne, Minister of Economic Warfare, stated in the Lords to-day during a debate on neutrals. "I think the United Nations are entitled to ask neutral countries to recognise the fact that their own independence depends on an Allied victory and that at this stage of the war any country that delivers supplies of military importance to the Axis is assisting in the prolongation of war."

The war could be materially shortened by withholding vital supplies to Germany. Earl Selborne said the agreement with Spain was in no small measure due to the skill and patience of the British Ambassador Sir Samuel Hoare, the statesmanship of General Jordana, Spanish Foreign Minister, whose advent to office had resulted in happier relations between Spain and Allies.—Reuter.

# Threat Of Disciplinary Action Against Tiwana

## Charged With Violation Of Basic Principle Of League: Must Explain Position Before May 12 Or Face Consequences

LAHORE, May 3.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Convener, Committee of Action All-India Muslim League, in the course of a statement to the press stated that the Committee of Action after considering the statement made by Malik Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana on April 27 and after conferring with the President of the Muslim League, has sent the following letter to Malik Khizar Hyat Khan to-day:

I am required by the Committee of Action of the All-India Muslim League which met in Lahore on the 2nd of May 1944 to request you to submit your explanation on the following points arising out of your statement published in the local papers on the 28th of April, which in the opinion of the Committee violate the basic principles, policy and programme of the All-India Muslim League and RENDER YOU LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

KHIZR HYAT KHAN TIWANA.

(1) In your statement referred to above you say that "Sir Fazli Hussain undertook to render all possible help to the Muslim League in All-India affairs, but declined to have purely communal parties in the Punjab, and the Muslims of the Punjab decided to follow the lead of Sir Fazli Hussain and stood by the Unionist Party.

Mr. Jinnah ran some candidates on the Muslim League ticket but only two succeeded and subsequently one joined the Unionist Party. Exactly the same question is raised again today. Some seven years later in the form of Mr. Jinnah's demand, originated on the initiative of a few interested persons and like Sir Fazli Hussain and for the same reasons, I am unable to this demand, which is contrary to the best interests of the Muslims of this province, who should refuse to be divided among themselves or to accept outside interference to their detriment."

It is evident from this that you do not either approve of or believe in the formation and organisation of communal parties while the aim and object of the All-India Muslim League is to organise and consolidate the position of the Mussalmans as a separate nation both inside and outside the legislatures under the control, discipline and supervision of the All-India Muslim League and its provincial branches.

(2) In the latter portion of the quotation given above and in the following quotation from your statement, namely "It is not possible for me to accept a demand involving interference in provincial affairs and the inner working of the ministerial party formed under the Sikander-Jinnah pact", it is made clear that you do not acknowledge the authority and the power of the All-India Muslim League to control and direct the activities of its porvincial branches and their legislative parties and its members.

This is fundamentally opposed to the constitution and rules of the All-India Muslim League to which every member of the organisation is subject. In giving expression to these views you have acted in contravention of the constitution and rules of the All-India Muslim League.

QUESTION OF ALLEGIANCE

(3) It is a legitimate assumption to draw from your statement that you do not owe allegiance solely to the Muslim League, your first allegiance is to the Unionist Party and your allegiance to the Muslim League if at all is only a secondary one. It is the declared policy of the All-India Muslim League that a member of the Muslim League organisation cannot owe allegiance or belong to any political party except the Muslim League.

If you desire to submit a written explanation on the points mentioned above, you are requested to kindly send it to me at the Central Office of the All-India Muslim League, Daryaganj, Delhi, so as to reach me on or before the 12th of May, 1944.

In case you would like, to supplement your written explanation by personal appearance the Committee would be glad to give every opportunity to hear you and consider any explanation and defence that you may put forward before they take their decision in the matter on the 13th of May 1944 at eleven a.m. at the Central Office of the All-India Muslim League, Delhi.

I am to request you to kindly intimate before this date whether you desire to appear personally. I might mention that the Committee of Action is proceeding in this matter under Section 27 of the constitution rules of the All-India Muslim League read with the resolution No. 3 of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League passed at Karachi on the 27th of December, 1943.

### *Plan For Strengthening Punjab Branches*

A joint meeting of the Committee of Action and the Working Committee of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League was held in Mamdot House this evening to consider the plan for organizing and strengthening the Muslim League branches in the Punjab.

The Provincial Muslim League had set up a sub-committee to prepare a scheme for organisational work. The scheme will be considered by the Committee of Action, after it has been approved by the Provincial Muslim League.—A. P.

# CITY MARKETS

Bombay, May 4.

Anxiety at the news of Gandhiji's serious condition was expressed by the business community of Bombay. Most of the leading markets suspended their business for the day and prayers were offered for the speedy recovery of 'Bapu'. The Cotton Exchange and Share Bazaar officially suspended their business and Bullion Exchange followed suit later on. Mass prayers were offered by the City Share brokers and their staff in the ring-hall of the Native Share Brokers' Association, under the leadership of Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay.

GOLD AND SILVER. Some business was transacted early in the day but the business was suspended at 2 p.m. on receipt of news from other markets. Reserve Bank is reported to have delivered about 50,000 tolas of gold to-day against greater demands. This stimulated the operators and market opened firm.

Following were the closing quotations at 2 p.m.:—

Gold delivery Rs. 75/8. Silver delivery Rs. 136/8; Silver Spot Rs. 138

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New York, May 3.

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London, May 3.

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London, May 3.

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London, May 3.

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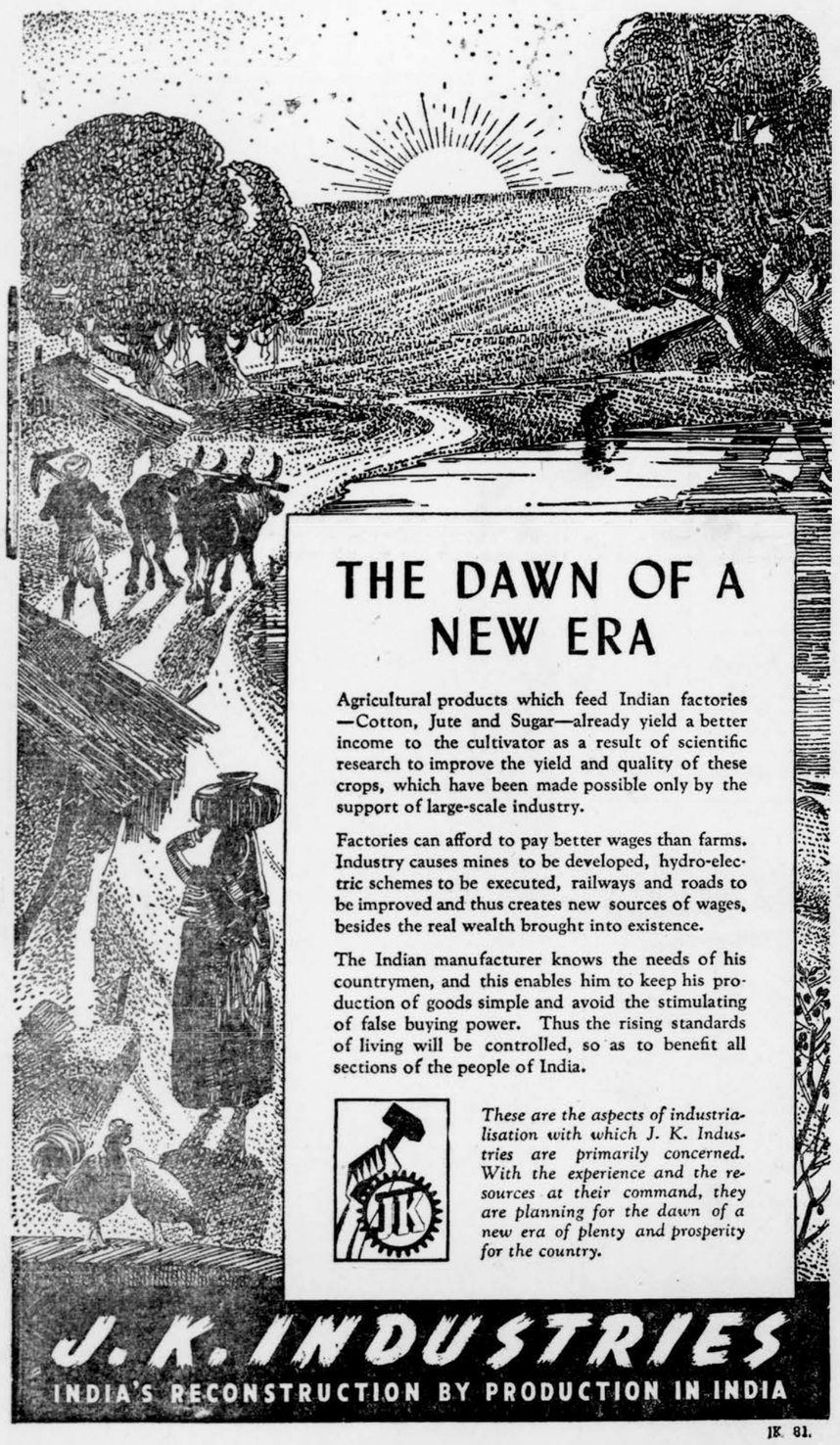

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# WHY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INDIANS?

## Pending Bills, If Passed, Will Improve Indo-American Relations

WASHINGTON, May 3.

A meeting in support of the pending legislation to authorise immigration and naturalisation of Indian nationals will be held here on Thursday under the auspices of the India League of America. Senator William Langer and representatives Claire Booth Luce and Emmanuel Celler who are sponsoring the Bills in Congress to amend the existing legislation and Leland Stowe, well-known American foreign correspondent and author, will speak. President of the India League of America, Sirdar J. J. Singh, will be the chairman.

Mr. Singh told "Reuter" to-day: "The people of India are keenly interested in the passage of the pending Bills. They say Americans are welcomed with open arms in India. Americans can enter and reside in India without any time limitations of any kind or restrictions. Americans can become citizens of India if they desire. Americans can join any profession, trade or business. Why is it then that Indian nationals are discriminated against and denied entry into the United States?

The people of India do not seek unrestricted immigration into the United States. But they do ask that the stigma of inferiority be removed. These Bills, if passed, provide that qualified Indian nationals may become citizens of the United States and that about 75 nationals of India may enter the United States annually as immigrants. Quick passage of this legislation will materially improve the relationship between India and United States".—Reuter.

# *WEST COAST OF INDIA SAILING SHIP-OWNERS*

## *Association Formed In Bombay*

On Monday last, a General Meeting of the members of the West Coast of India Sailing Ship-Owners Association was held at 63-65, Queen's Road, under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Editor, "Bombay Chronicle". The following business was transacted:—

Constitution of the Association was considered and passed before the General Body.

The name of the Association was changed to "The West Coast of India Sailing Ship-Owners Association, Bombay".

The Managing Committee was authorised to pay off the preliminary expenses incurred by Mr. Ibrahim Ahamad Saheb Mulla (Founder of the said Association) in organising the Association.

The following gentlemen were then elected Executive Officers and members of the Managing Committee for the year 1944:

CHAIRMAN:—Mr. S. A. Brelvi.

VICE-CHAIRMEN:—Mr. Abdul Rehman Mohomad Yusuf and Mr. V. S. Dabholkar.

HON. SECRETARY:—Mr. Ibrahim Ahamadsaheb Mulla.

HON. TREASURER:—Mr. Ahmadsaheb Lalamiya Potrio.

MEMBERS:—Rao Bahadur, S. K. Bole, Mr. Yeshwant Laxman Nakhwa, Mr. B. R. Rane, (M.L.A.), Mr. S. G. Dandekar, Mr. K. B. Vaidya, B.Com., Mr. Ibrahim Nakhwa, Mr. Keshao Krishna Mayekar, Mr. Narayan C. Koli, Mr. N. N. Nakhwa and Mr. A. G. Gonsalves.

## Sir Keith Murdock In London

LONDON, May 3.

The Australian newspaper proprietor Sir Keith Murdock arrived in London to-day from Algiers after a three day visit to the Italian front. Sir Keith Murdock went to Italy where he was the guest of Gen. Alexander at his headquarters, from Karachi—his first call after a visit to the south-east Asia command headquarters.—Reuter.

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### NOTICE

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APPLICATIONS INVITED to fill temporary non-gazetted appointments in Survey of India which will be for duration of war subject to termination on one month's notice. Initial pay according qualifications, minimum Rs. 80/- for graduates, Rs. 60/- for Intermediates, annual increments not less than Rs. 10/-. Incumbents will be considered for appointment to Upper Subordinate Service carrying maximum pay of Rs. 240/- per mensem. with chances promotion gazetted appointments carrying maximum pay Rs. 600/-. If permanently appointed service in temporary post counts for leave and pension

Candidates must be physically fit and between 18 and 25 years of age on 1st August 1944; must have passed degree examination of recognized University with mathematics or Geography or Intermediate examination in first division with mathematics (those with free hand and map drawing qualifications preferred) and must be willing join Survey Supplementary Reserve for which 25% additional pay granted. Reservists have liability active military service with Indian Survey Units in or out of India. When mobilized, emoluments are further enhanced upto 100% according to local conditions.

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## AUCTION SALES

**SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITUATE AT KOLIWADA, WORLI AND PLOTS OF LAND AT VILE PARLE, BOMBAY SUBURB.**

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO., will under instructions from Messrs. Ghandhy & Co., Attorneys for Messrs. Cowasjee Sorabjee Homiar and another the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Bai Phanchubai, wife of Pedru Dooming Kini and John Michael Gomes, the Mortgagors sell by public auction the undermentioned properties on the following dates:—

Koliwada, Worli property: Sale on Friday, 12th May, 1944, at 4-30 P.M. on the premises.

Piece of land admeasuring about 264-6/9 sq. yards with a dwelling house thereon situate at Worli, Koliwada, Bombay, and bearing Municipality G Ward No. 524, Street No. 216A, Cadastral Survey No. 318 Worli Division, together with the right of way over the strip of vacant land running along the sea and adjoining the Worli Village known as Waras land for being used with others for purposes connected with the fishing trade.

Ville Parle Plots of Land: Sale on Sunday 14th May, 1944, at 4-30 p.m. on the site of Plot bearing Survey No. 141A, Hissa No. 1.

All those pieces of land situate at Ville Parle, Bombay Suburban District as per following particulars:

Survey No. 103, Gunthas 10¾; S. No. 139, Gunthas 5½; S. No. 139 Gunthas 3¾; S. No. 141A, Hissa No. 1, Gunthas 34½, 3, Kharaba; S. No. 141, Gunthas 2¼; S. No. 160D (Non-agricultural), Gunthas 2½ Kharaba; S. No. 257, Gunthas 16¾, 2¾ Kharaba; S. No. 112, Gunthas 9½.

Further particulars and conditions of sale and plan please apply to Messrs. Gandhy & Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagees at 76, Medows Street, Fort, or from the undersigned.

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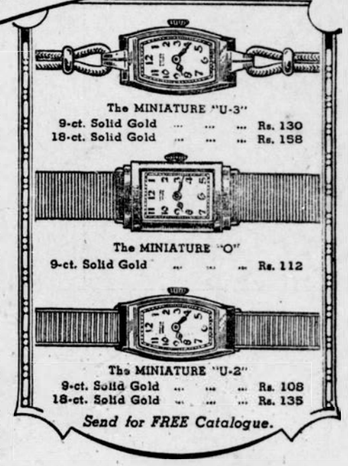

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